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Remarks

To 4: Please take appropriate action; also, get back to DDCI re question para 4 soonest.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

Director, Office of Program and Budget Staff, ICS

FROM:

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

NFIC Meetings on the Budget

- 1. Virtually every senior manager in the Community is dissatisfied with the NFIC meetings on the annual budget. After months of preparation on the budget, in one or two meetings the principals previously have been asked to focus on relatively trivial items in the context of the overall budget rather than on broader issues. (S)
- 2. I would like for you to consider structuring the NFIC for the FY-88 budget in terms of three one-to-two-hour sessions in which each of the following three subjects would be addressed in order (one at each meeting):
  - A review of resource growth, both for FY-87 and over the past five years by program (CCP, CIAP, GDIP, etc.). This session would also address how each program has applied its resources and the degree to which these resource applications have been consistent with the DCI's priorities.
  - The second session would focus on major investment programs, ongoing initiatives, and new initiatives in each program. Again, these would focus on the priority items involving a large percentage of the resources. This session should also identify the resources available for new endeavors or initiatives.
  - The third session would address the DCI's and Community's priorities and then propose, based on IC Staff examination, alternative tradeoffs and choices among the base, investments, initiatives, and priorities.

I envision the IC Staff making all of the presentations.

- I want you to start thinking about a structure along these lines that would give real content to the NFIC deliberations and allow the DCI to benefit from hearing the views of the principals on large-scale investments and priorities so that as he makes his final decisions, he has their advice in mind. In short, I believe the NFIC should focus on the jugular issues and stop wasting its time on the capillaries. (S)
- The DCI would like to hold the first two sessions as early as possible. When do you get the FY-88 submissions and how soon could you be prepared for the first two sessions?

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